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Office Action Summary

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M Kemper

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldhaber et al., patent number 5794210.

Goldhaber et al teaches an electronic advertisement receiving apparatus comprising electronic advertisement receiving means (col. 5, lines 50-55, col. 9, lines 60-67); presenting means for presenting the advertisement (col. 9, lines 40-50, fig. 11); and presentation informing means for informing the advertiser of presentation information (col. 7, lines 55-67, col. 17, lines 30-40). Goldhaber also teaches uniquely identifying the advertisement and storage control means for storing the advertisement if it does not match an ad that is already stored (col. 16, lines 25-40); including benefit information from the advertiser to the user in return for presentation of the advertisement (col. 5, lines 25-45); the benefits are updated according to the number of times the advertisement is presented (one time, for example, col. 17, lines 45-55); procedure information representing a procedure for generating presentation information while updating benefits and advertisement receiving apparatus comprises presentation information generating means (col. 7, lines 45-65); validity confirming means for confirming validity of the presentation information (col. 16, lines 10-15, lines 40-65, col. 17, lines 35-60); analyzed electronic advertisement supply means for analyzing for the

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user advertisements information and supplying advertisement information having contents reflecting the analysis (profile information, col. 18, lines 55-60).

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldhaber et al. as above.

Goldhaber substantially teaches the invention as discussed above, but does not show response data representing reception of the advertisement based on the identifier, however, this would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art for the purpose of tracking user interaction with the advertisement at least and for providing the advertiser advertising campaign feedback. It also would have been obvious to have ended advertising distribution when a calculated number reached a predetermined number since this would have limited the amount of money spent on advertising. It also would have been obvious to have limited the advertisement distribution to an area since Goldhaber is interested in reaching the most receptive consumers and since demographic information is included in the consumer profile.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ozer et al., patent number 6708335 teaches only storing advertisements with unique identifiers to increase efficiency (col. 9, lines 25-30). De

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Rafael et al., patent number 6529878 teaches compensation for viewing advertisements and tracking interactions (col. 3, lines 25-35, col. 4, lines 15-65, col. 7, lines 30-45).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M Kemper whose telephone number is 703-305-9589.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric W. Stamber can be reached on 703-305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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